

Proceedings of the meeting held under the Chairmanship of Honorable Minister for Bengaluru Development and Town Planning, Government of Karnataka, Bangalore, to discuss the issue and solutions related to OFC Cable Installation and Maintenance in Bengaluru City during the execution of work by Government Departments like BBMP/GAIL/BMRCL/BWSSB/BESCOM/ BDA.

Date: 25th September 2017

Venue: Conference Room 313, Vidhana Soudha, Bengaluru.

Participants:

1. Additional Chief Secretary to UDD
2. Managing Director, BMRCL
3. Special Commissioner Projects BBMP
4. Chief Engineer, BBMP OFC
5. Chief Engineer, BESCOM
6. Chief Engineer, BWSSB
7. General Manager, GAIL
8. Representatives of ITI Ltd.,
9. Representatives of OFC Service Providers (BSNL & Bharti Airtel Pvt Ltd)

Special Commissioner BBMP welcomed the participants to the meeting and briefly narrated the matter related to co-ordinating activities of all Govt and OFC Service Providers to avoid multiple works and to support all agencies to save their assets. Hon'ble Minister for Bengaluru Development and Town Planning, discussed about the possibilities of installing of telecom OFC cables along with the other government agencies during their execution works by a single agency to avoid multiple execution works which is causing damages to Roads, Utilities and general public at large. He also discussed the possibility of laying together Telecom Cables to be used jointly by all the Operators.

Subject wise discussions were here as follows:

1. Immediate correction of Tender sure works. - Operators requested the technical rectification of Tendersure works for their immediate installation

of Cables. BBMP has assured support and correction of the technical issues raised by Service Providers to lay the cables and a joint survey and rectification will be done immediately by BBMP. (Action by - CE Projects Central).

2. Govt will appoint a Single agency to coordinate and execute OFC cable installation in Bengaluru City. This agency will execute overhead cables to underground by trenching method & laying ducts in new roads to be built, to avoid multiple laying and cutting of roads by OFC service providers. For newly built road/ new asphalted roads. The nodal agency will be intimated for putting OFC ducts to avoid digging in future for laying OFC by OFC service providers in the same route.
3. BSNL and Bharti Airtel raised issues related to GAIL/BWSSB/BESCOM/BMRCL/BBMP and other Govt agencies work, where already laid cables are damaged during execution work and restoration of the cables are not allowed and forced to lay Over Head. - All Govt Agencies accepted to support during their execution and will coordinate with concerned agencies of OFC Service Providers to protect their laid cables and support for restoring the damages and coordinate in laying the damaged or overhead laid OFC cables.
4. GAIL Gas Opinion as follows:

GAIL Gas Chief General Manager, Shri. Partha Jana agreed that the concerns raised by the State Government that multiple utility agencies digging same road again and again is bad for the Bengaluru City.

GAIL Gas, Chief General Manager said GAIL Gas is open to the proposal proposed in the meeting subject to the fulfilment of safety requirements of Gas Pipeline and also without affecting the work pace of GAIL Gas as work execution by GAIL Gas is time bound. The Gas Pipeline is laid about 1.2 Mtrs below the road surface. GAIL Gas opinion that the Technical modalities can be finalised later with BBMP in the Technical Meeting.

GAIL has assured maintenance and damaged cable restoration support to OFC Service Providers during GAIL works by coordinating with the agencies and joint survey.

GAIL will provide a full time resource with BBMP for coordinating their works with the nodal agency or nodal officer.

5. All Govt departments like BBMP/BESCOM/BWSSB/BDA/POLICE to provide the details of their coordinating officer with nodal agency or nodal officer in BBMP. So as to coordinate the activities and support each other.
6. Police department to provide a nodal officer for coordinating with nodal agency/nodal officer during execution of these works for any Law & Order situation and Traffic Control.
7. BMRCL has also accepted to give space to Telecom Operators to lay OFC by coordinating with BBMP nodal officer or nodal agency.
8. OFC Service providers will be instructed from BBMP to coordinate with nodal agency before executing their works as per the direction. All Operators can work together after attaining the BBMP permission in same route at same time and avoid multiple work and damages to the roads and public utilities. And once permission given there will be a ban as when decided by BBMP for any new work by the OFC Service Providers in the same route. Operators will be instructed from BBMP to share their Contractor details to the nodal agency or nodal officer.
9. All Govt agencies and OFC Service Providers to share their work data and execution details to the nodal agency or nodal officer on day to day basis and the agency will coordinate with all the agencies before execution and ask others to join in the same route. Roads once restored after execution will not be given permission again to lay OFC for a period BBMP decides in the same route.

10. BBMP has been instructed to give necessary permissions to ITI immediately to start the Pilot OFC Duct Bank project which is being finalised, in Outer Ring Road (5 KM on both sides of road at the selected location) and finish the execution by ITI in specified time period.

Meeting was concluded by thanking the Chair and the participants.



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All Concerned